

SPECIES STATUS

- Shrikes (Laniidae)**
 Northern Shrike*.....Vw

Vireos (Vireonidae)

- Cassin's Vireo.....S (June)
 Blue-headed Vireo*.....B
 Warbling Vireo*.....B
 Philadelphia Vireo*.....B
 Red-eyed Vireo*.....B

Jays, Magpies, Crows (Corvidae)

- Gray Jay*.....R
 Blue Jay*.....R
 Black-billed Magpie*.....R
 American Crow.....B
 Common Raven.....R

Larks (Alaudidae)

- Horned Lark.....M

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

- Purple Martin.....S (June)
 Tree Swallow.....B
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....S
 Bank Swallow.....M
 Cliff Swallow.....B
 Barn Swallow.....B

Chickadees (Paridae)

- Black-capped Chickadee*.....R
 Boreal Chickadee*.....R

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

- Red-breasted Nuthatch*.....R
 White-breasted Nuthatch*.....Vw

Creepers (Certhiidae)

- Brown Creeper*.....R

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

- Rock Wren.....S (May)
 House Wren*.....M, Bo
 Winter Wren*.....B
 Sedge Wren.....S (June)
 Marsh Wren*.....B

Kinglets (Regulidae)

- Golden-crowned Kinglet*.....Vw
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet*.....B

Thrushes (Turdidae)

- Mountain Bluebird.....S (April-June)
 Townsend's Solitaire*..S (April, Sept-Nov)
 Veery*.....S (May, June, Sept)
 Gray-cheeked Thrush*.....M
 Swainson's Thrush*.....B
 Hermit Thrush*.....B
 Varied Thrush*.....S, M
 American Robin*.....B

Mimic Thrushes (Mimidae)

- Gray Catbird*.....S (May, June)
 Northern Mockingbird*.....S (June)

SPECIES STATUS

- Starlings (Sturnidae)**
 European Starling.....M

Pipits (Motacillidae)

- American Pipit*.....M

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)

- Bohemian Waxwing.....Vw
 Cedar Waxwing*.....B

Longspurs and Buntings (Calcariidae)

- Lapland Longspur*.....M
 Smith's Longspur.....S (May)
 Snow Bunting.....Vw

Wood Warblers (Parulidae)

- Ovenbird*.....B
 Northern Waterthrush*.....B
 Black-and-White Warbler*.....B
 Tennessee Warbler*.....B
 Orange-crowned Warbler*.....B
 Nashville Warbler*.....S (July, Aug)
 Connecticut Warbler*.....S (May-Sept)
 MacGillivray's Warbler*.....S (June, Aug)
 Mourning Warbler*.....B
 Common Yellowthroat*.....B
 American Redstart*.....B
 Cape May Warbler*.....B
 Magnolia Warbler*.....B
 Bay-breasted Warbler*.....B
 Blackburnian Warbler*.....S, M (May-Sept)
 Yellow Warbler*.....B
 Chestnut-sided Warbler*.....B
 Blackpoll Warbler*.....B
 Palm Warbler*.....B
 Yellow-rumped Warbler*.....B
 Black-throated Green Warbler*.....B
 Canada Warbler*.....B
 Wilson's Warbler*.....M, Bo

Sparrows (Emberizidae)

- American Tree Sparrow*.....M
 Chipping Sparrow*.....B
 Clay-colored Sparrow*.....B
 Vesper Sparrow*.....M
 Lark Sparrow.....S (May)
 Lark Bunting.....S (June, July)
 Savannah Sparrow*.....B
 Le Conte's Sparrow*.....B
 Nelson's Sparrow.....S (June)
 Fox Sparrow*.....M
 Song Sparrow*.....B
 Lincoln's Sparrow*.....B
 Swamp Sparrow*.....B
 White-throated Sparrow*.....B
 Harris's Sparrow*.....M
 White-crowned Sparrow*.....M
 Dark-eyed Junco*.....M, Bo

Grosbeaks (Cardinalidae)

- Western Tanager*.....B
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak*.....B
 Lazuli Bunting*.....S (June)

SPECIES STATUS

- Blackbirds, Orioles (Icteridae)**
 Red-winged Blackbird*.....B
 Western Meadowlark.....S (May, June)
 Yellow-headed Blackbird.....M, Bo
 Rusty Blackbird.....B
 Brewer's Blackbird.....B
 Common Grackle*.....B
 Brown-headed Cowbird*.....B
 Baltimore Oriole*.....M

Finches (Fringillidae)

- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.....S (Feb, Nov)
 Pine Grosbeak.....R
 Purple Finch*.....B
 Red Crossbill.....R
 White-winged Crossbill*.....R
 Common Redpoll.....Vw
 Hoary Redpoll*.....Vw
 Pine Siskin*.....B
 American Goldfinch*.....M
 Evening Grosbeak*.....R

Weaver Finches (Passeridae)

- House Sparrow.....R

Spot something unusual??
 Call the
 Northern Alberta Rare Bird Alert
433-BIRD

WHAT DID YOU SEE?

The Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory needs your help in keeping this checklist up to date. Please record, in the boxes provided, the number of individuals sighted for every species you encounter. Then, complete the following:

Name: _____
 Date of sightings: _____
 Location: _____
 Notes: _____

Please submit completed checklist to:
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BIRD CHECKLIST



Updated June 2015

WELCOME!!

The **Lesser Slave Lake** Region is wonderful for birding. There are a diversity of habitats with associated bird species.

Boreal Mixedwood forest, which includes mature forest, riparian habitat, wetlands and clearings are found at lower elevations. Higher up, the **Lower Foothills Ecoregion and Old Growth forest** occur on Marten Mountain in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park. Don't forget the waterbirds along the extensive lakeshore!

The Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory (LSLBO) receives a high concentration of migratory **songbirds** because of its special location. Lesser Slave Lake is not only a major landmark, but the lake and nearby Marten Mountain act as natural barriers to migrant birds. This "**Point Pelee effect**" funnels a great many birds through the narrow lowlands along the East lakeshore. In fact, **over 250 species of birds** have been recorded at the LSLBO to date!

Important Bird Area

Lesser Slave Lake have been recognized as an Important Bird Area of Global Significance by BirdLife International. Large numbers of **Western Grebes** nest on the lake. Additionally, 2% of the western population of **Tundra Swans** stage and feed on Lesser Slave Lake During their spring and fall migrations. The incredible concentration of migratory songbirds is also significant.

USING THIS CHECKLIST

This checklist includes the 249 bird species that have been seen at least once at the LSLBO. The Checklist follows the taxonomic order and nomenclature according to the American Ornithologist's Union (A.O.U.).

Each species on this checklist has been assigned one or more symbols to indicate its status in this area.

R..... **Resident** year round.
 B..... **Regular breeder**
 Bo..... **Occasional breeder**
 M..... **Spring and/or fall migrant**
 Vs..... **Non-breeding summer visitor**
 Vw..... **Winter visitor**
 S..... **Stray** from known range or migratory route (*The month(s) in which a species has occurred as a stray, if known, accompanies this symbol.*)

* Denotes species which have at least one **banding record**

SPECIES STATUS

Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Geese

- Greater White-fronted Goose.....M
 Snow Goose.....M
 Canada Goose.....B
 Brant.....S (Sept)

Swans

- Trumpeter Swan.....M
 Tundra Swan.....M

Perching Ducks

- Wood Duck.....S (May)

Dabbling Ducks

- Gadwall.....B
 Eurasian Wigeon.....S (April, May)
 American Wigeon.....B
 Mallard.....B
 Blue-winged Teal.....B
 Northern Shoveler.....B
 Northern Pintail.....B
 Green-winged Teal.....B

Diving Ducks

- Canvasback.....B
 Redhead.....B
 Ring-necked Duck.....B
 Greater Scaup.....M
 Lesser Scaup.....B

Sea Ducks

- Harlequin Duck.....S (May)
 Surf Scoter.....Bo
 White-winged Scoter.....B
 Long-tailed Duck.....M
 Bufflehead.....B
 Common Goldeneye.....B
 Barrow's Goldeneye.....S
 Hooded Merganser.....S
 Common Merganser.....B
 Red-breasted Merganser.....B

Stiff-tailed Ducks

- Ruddy Duck.....B

Grouse, Ptarmigan (Phasianidae)

- Ruffed Grouse.....R
 Spruce Grouse.....R
 Sharp-tailed Grouse.....Vs

Loons (Gaviidae)

- Common Loon.....B
 Red Throated Loon.....S (May)
 Yellow-billed Loon.....S (June, July)
 Pacific Loon.....S (May, June)

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

- Pied-billed Grebe.....B
 Horned Grebe.....B
 Red-necked Grebe.....B
 Eared Grebe.....B
 Western Grebe.....B

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

- Double-crested Cormorant.....B

SPECIES STATUS

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

- American White Pelican.....B

Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)

- American Bittern.....B
 Great Blue Heron.....B

Osprey (Pandionidae)

- Osprey.....B

Eagles, Hawks, Harriers (Accipitridae)

- Bald Eagle.....B
 Northern Harrier.....B
 Sharp-shinned Hawk*.....B
 Cooper's Hawk*.....S
 Northern Goshawk*.....R
 Broad-winged Hawk.....B
 Swainson's Hawk.....S (June, Sept)
 Red-tailed Hawk.....B
 Rough-legged Hawk.....M
 Golden Eagle.....S

Rails, Coots (Rallidae)

- Yellow Rail.....B
 Sora.....B
 American Coot.....B

Cranes (Gruidae)

- Sandhill Crane.....M,Bo

Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

- American Avocet.....S (May, June)

Plovers (Charadriidae)

- Black-bellied Plover.....M
 American Golden-Plover.....M
 Semipalmated Plover.....M, B
 Killdeer.....B

Sandpipers (Scolopacidae)

- Spotted Sandpiper.....B
 Solitary Sandpiper.....B
 Wandering Tattler.....S (May)
 Greater Yellowlegs.....B
 Lesser Yellowlegs.....B
 Upland Sandpiper.....S (May, Sept)
 Whimbrel.....S (June)
 Marbled Godwit.....B
 Ruddy Turnstone.....M
 Sanderling.....M
 Baird's Sandpiper.....M
 Least Sandpiper.....M
 Pectoral Sandpiper.....M
 Semipalmated Sandpiper.....M
 Short-billed Dowitcher.....B
 Long-billed Dowitcher.....M
 Common Snipe.....B
 Wilson's Phalarope.....B

Jaegers (Stercorariidae)

- Parasitic Jaeger.....S (April, Sept)

Gulls, Terns (Laridae)

- Ivory Gull.....S (May)
 Bonaparte's Gull.....B

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- Franklin's Gull.....B
 Mew Gull.....M
 Ring-billed Gull.....B
 California Gull.....B
 Herring Gull.....B
 Glaucous Gull.....S (Sept)
 Caspian Tern.....M
 Black Tern.....Bo
 Common Tern.....B
 Forster's Tern.....Bo

Doves, Pigeons (Columbidae)

- Rock Pigeon.....R
 Mourning Dove.....M

Owls (Strigidae)

- Great Horned Owl.....R
 Snowy Owl.....Vw
 Northern Hawk Owl.....R
 Northern Pygmy Owl*.....Vw
 Barred Owl*.....R
 Great Gray Owl.....R
 Long-Eared Owl*.....B
 Short-eared Owl.....Vs
 Boreal Owl.....R
 Northern Saw-whet Owl*.....B

Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)

- Common Nighthawk.....B

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....B
 Rufous Hummingbird.....S (May)

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

- Belted Kingfisher.....B

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*.....B
 Downy Woodpecker*.....R
 Hairy Woodpecker*.....R
 Three-toed Woodpecker*.....R
 Black-backed Woodpecker.....R
 Northern Flicker*.....B
 Pileated Woodpecker*.....R

Falcons (Falconidae)

- American Kestrel*.....B
 Merlin.....B
 Gyrfalcon.....M
 Peregrine Falcon.....M
 Prairie Falcon.....S (Aug)

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

- Olive-sided Flycatcher*.....B
 Western Wood-Pewee*.....B
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*.....B
 Alder Flycatcher*.....B
 Least Flycatcher*.....B
 Eastern Phoebe*.....B
 Say's Phoebe.....M
 Great Crested Flycatcher.....S (June, July)
 Eastern Kingbird.....M